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1. AS CHILE WATCHERS ARE PRONE TO DO THESE DAYS WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME UNOFFICIAL TALLYING OF CONGRESSIONAL VOTES IN ATTEMPT TO HAVE SOME CURRENT IDEA OF PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL STRENGTH OF ALLENDE AND ALESSANDRI.

2. IN VIEW OF FREI'S EXPERTISE ON THE PDC AND THE ATTITUDES OF PDC CONGRESSMEN, AND THE INFLUENCE HE LIKELY CAN EXERT OVER THEM (AND THEIR SELF-INTERESTS), WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE FREI'S ESTIMATE THAT 18 PDCERS WILL DEFECT TO ALLENDE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DIALOGUE WE ARE ALSO ALLOWING FOR APPROXIMATELY 40% ERROR IN FREI'S JUDGEMENT AND ASSIGNING ONE THIRD (25) OF THE PDC CONGRESSMEN TO ALLENDE LEAVING ALESSANDRI WITH 50 PDC VOTES.

3. REGARDING THE RADICAL PARTY (PR), IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT AT LEAST NINE RADICAL VOTES OUT OF THE PR'S 29 WILL GO TO ALESSANDRI. (WE NOTE THAT PR SENATOR BOSSAY CONCEDES ALL BUT TWO PR VOTES TO ALESSANDRI). THESE FIFTY NINE VOTES ADDED TO ALESSANDRI'S HARD STRENGTH OF 43 VOTES FROM PN, PDR, AND ONE

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INDEPENDENT, GIVE ALESSANDRI A POSSIBLE FIRST ROUND VOTE OF 103.
IF BOSSAY IS EVEN FIFTY PER CENT CORRECT IN HIS ESTIMATE OF HIS
PR COLLEAGUES VOTE, ALESSANDRI COULD STAND TO GAIN ANOTHER FIVE
VOTES FOR TOTAL OF 107.

4. WE ASSUME YOU HAVE DONE SOME CRYSTALBALLING AND HAVE YOUR
OWN ESTIMATE OF THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST ROUND VOTE BY
THE CONGRESS. IF SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESULTS OF YOUR HEADCOUNT
AND COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE GUESSTIMATE.

5. FOR OUR INFO WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE CHILEAN
ELECTORAL LAW OR OTHER LAWS PROHIBIT POLITICAL ACTIVITY BETWEEN
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